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Skully

The first time I made this sweater, I used slubby dark brown and cream yarn that I'd found in a local yarn shop on sale for one dollar a skein. I'd been wanting to make a big, oversized sweater, and the price was right, so I bought eleven or twelve skeins and started brainstorming. I didn't want it to be completely plain (too boring to knit), but generally I don't end up wearing things that have a big emblem on the front. I figured I'd put something cool on the sleeves—and what's cooler than skulls? I made up the pattern as I went along, graphed out the skulls on some graph paper, and just started knitting. "Skully" was my first real sweater project, and it was so damn easy, you all should make one too. What would be even cooler—make your own graph like I did and put whatever you want on the sleeves.

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Sizes

Small (Medium, Large, Extra-Large)

Finished chest: 40 (42, 47, 50)"

Finished length: 23¼ (24½, 26, 27½)"

Materials

Brown Sheep Company *Lamb's Pride Bulky* (85% wool/15% mohair; 4 oz/125 yds)

MC: 6 (6, 7, 7) skeins #M06 Deep Charcoal

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CC: 1 skein #M10 Creme

US 10½ (6.5mm) knitting needles, or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

13 sts and 20 rows = 4" in St st

Directions

FRONT

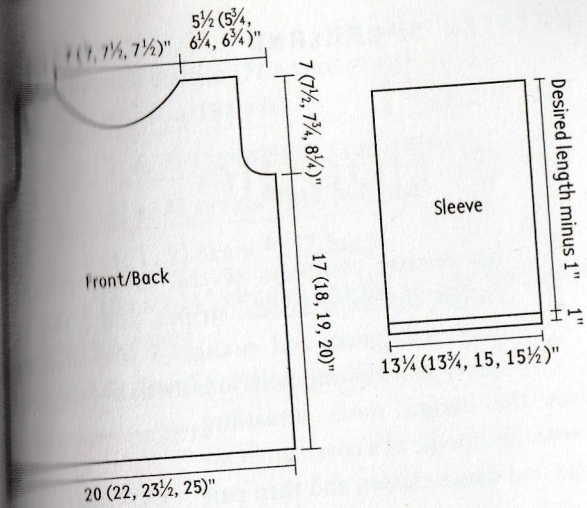
With MC, CO 65 (69, 77, 81) sts.

Work 7 rows in garter st.

Then work in St st until front measures 17 (18, 19, 20)" from beg.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

BO 1 st at beg of next 6 (8, 10, 12) rows, then work 3" more in St st, ending with a WS row.



NECK SHAPING

K 26 (27, 29, 30) sts. Join 2nd skein of yarn; BO center 7 (7, 9, 9) sts; k to end of row. Both shoulder sections are worked at the same time with separate skeins.

BO 2 sts at neck edge at beg of every other row until 18 (19, 21, 22) sts rem on each shoulder.

Work 1" more in St st. Leave sts on needles or holder.

BACK

Work same as front, *except* when you have decreased to 18 (19, 21, 21) sts at shoulders, just stop there—don't knit the extra inch. Leave sts on needle or holder.

JOIN SHOULDERS AND MAKE NECKBAND

When front and back are finished, put RS together and join 1 shoulder using 3-needle BO over 18 sts for a strong, compact seam.

With RS facing, and beg at edge of neck, pu and k 54 (54, 58, 58) sts evenly around the neckline. Work 1" in k1, p1 rib. Loosely BO in rib.